

By: Representative Clarke

To: Judiciary B

HOUSE BILL NO. 245

1 AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 97-37-30, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972,
2 TO PROHIBIT THE DISCHARGE OF FIREARMS NEAR PROPERTY WHERE
3 PETROLEUM PRODUCTS ARE LOCATED; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI:

5 **SECTION 1.** Section 97-37-30, Mississippi Code of 1972, is
6 amended as follows:

7 97-37-30. (1) A person who willfully discharges his or her
8 firearm toward the dwelling of another, causing property damage to
9 the dwelling or any domesticated animal or livestock, is guilty of
10 a misdemeanor punishable by a fine of not more than One Thousand
11 Dollars (\$1,000.00) or imprisonment not exceeding twelve (12)
12 months in the county jail, or both.

13 (2) A person who willfully discharges his or her firearm
14 near any business or property that contains flammable or explosive
15 petroleum products is guilty of a felony punishable by a fine of
16 not more than Five Thousand Dollars (\$5,000.00) or imprisonment
17 not exceeding five (5) years in the custody of the Department of
18 Corrections, or both.



19 **SECTION 2.** This act shall take effect and be in force from
20 and after July 1, 2018.

